

## KARO-ECHO Membership Meeting

October 10, 2022

via Zoom

### Attendees

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| Howdy Goudey       | KE6BEE |
| Frans Kuypers      | KJ6IUV |
| Annette McCoubry   | KJ6SWK |
| Tom Fattaruso      | KN6BUY |
| Curt Smith         | KM6HFT |
| Susan Yeaman       | KN6CMR |
| Blake Yeaman       | KN6CMP |
| Jerry Michaels     | K6KOP  |
| Martha Richards    | K6ELO  |
| Don Simon          | NI6A   |
| Karen Leong Fenton | KK6ZPM |
| Jay Fenton         | KJ6WSS |
| Michael Gold       | AJ6RZ  |
| Todd Teachout      | W8BIK  |
| Lorraine Schnurr   | KN6CRT |
| Ednalee Warnecke   | KN6VTY |
| James Marks        | KN6VTC |

### Agenda:

#### **Call to order/logistics**

- Introductions
- Approval of Minutes
- Approval of Agenda
- Treasurer's report

#### **New business**

- Form a nomination committee for 2023 officers (vote in Dec.)
- Introduction of becoming a formal ARES club

#### **Old business**

- MOU with EC-K Fire Dept
- Calendar of Events / 25th Anniversary
  - Fall SET Oct. 8, 1000-1200
- Donor recognition

- Grant working group
- QSL card

#### **Outreach/PR/web**

#### **Tech./Infrastructure**

- Equipment maintenance team report
- New antenna/s and patch box/s
  - installation schedule

#### **Elmering**

- requests to elmer@karoecho.net

#### **Neighborhood nets and Comm. hubs**

- 1st Wed., reports

#### **Training and Operations**

- Review of the Oct 8th SET
- Report on Oct. 1st in-person digital training

#### **Adjourn**

The meeting was called to order.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the September membership meeting minutes.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the agenda with addition of information about the new fire chief.

Treasurer's report: no new transactions for this month.

### **Business session**

#### **New business**

#### **Nomination committee**

- A nomination committee was formed for the election of next year's officers. Don NI6A and Ednalee KN6VTY volunteered to be on the committee.

#### **ARES**

- Howdy KE6BEE has been appointed ARRL ARES emergency coordinator.
- 16 KE members need to be ARES members for affiliation with the ARRL. The KE newsletter has a link to the form to be filled out and sent to Howdy.
- There is no fee, no requirements other than a ham license, and no disadvantage to become a "level 1" ARES member.

## **Old business**

### **MOU**

- Howdy has talked to the new fire chief about the MOU but we don't know when the MOU will be signed.

### **Grant application**

- We still need to decide the reason we would ask for a grant.
- We should make a list of what grants are available in addition to the ARRL grant.
- Members are asked to send ideas to Frans KJ6IUV so he and Martha K6ELO can work on a grant.

### **QSL card**

- Rob K6RJM, Don NI6A, Howdy KE6BEE, and Blake KN6CMP have begun working on the design.

### **Outreach**

- Blake KN6CMP has been working with CERT training and grant applications in Albany and his experience will be beneficial to KARO-ECHO.

### **Technical/Infrastructure**

- Howdy KE6BEE has purchased parts for clubhouse antenna installation and is working with El Cerrito city officials to arrange the installations.

### **Neighborhood nets**

- There has been some increase in neighborhood network volunteers but not many of them were available for the October 8th SET.
- There are no active CERT area leaders in El Cerrito presently to organise neighborhood nets so ham operators have been attempting whatever organization they can for now, but that can take time from ham activities.

### **Training**

### **Fall SET Review**

- 23 KE members operated in the Fall SET, 4 were new hams.
- There were a few GMRS messages and a CB message..
- Two operators were working at the same time in the EC City Hall EOC which made it difficult for them to hear.
- In the case of a real emergency it is still unclear what the process will be for operators in the EOC to pass emergency messages to the fire or police department. The process of bringing the emergency message across the hall to the council chambers had been explained during a previous SET but not everyone knows about it.
- A scribe will be needed in the EOC during an emergency.
- The question came up about working at home during an emergency which would be more comfortable but there might not be any contact with the neighborhood.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting.